

17 February 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

### Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy which is available on the Council's website [LGOIMA Request Policy: Rangitikei District Council](#)

Your request for information was received on 26 January 2026 and requested information about Council's art portfolio and expenditure. On 29 January 2026 we wrote to you to seek clarification on the scope of your definition of 'artworks'. To date, we have not had a response from you in relation to our request for clarification. However, in the absence of that clarification, we have responded to as much of your request as possible below.

Your questions and our response can be found below:

*"We request the following information:*

*A full breakdown of your art collection, including, but not limited to: "*

#### **Question 1:**

The total number of artworks and for each the:

- Known or estimated value.
- Status of display (publicly or privately).
- Year of acquisition.

#### **Response:**

As above, Council has requested you to clarify this question – specifically we would like you to clarify the scope of your definition of 'artworks'. As we have not had a response from you as at the date of this letter, we have not been able to proceed with this part of your request. As per our email to you of 29 January 2026, we are happy to consider your request, once you have provided the clarification we need.

Please note that any clarification of amendment of a request is considered to be a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for response, as per section 13(7) of the LGOIMA.

#### **Question 2:**

The number of roles that involve working with your art collection, including:

- Their job title or role.
- Their annual salary or salary band.

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**Response:**

Noting that we don't yet understand the scope of your definition of 'artworks', there is one role within Council that dedicates a small amount of time to overseeing the maintenance and renewal of public artistic structures such as statues. The title of this role is Project Manager Communities.

In relation to the annual salary or salary band for that role, Council is withholding its response under Section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA (to protect the privacy of natural persons). Specifically, we consider remuneration details to be private information, and due to the limited number of people holding the role, it would be too easy to identify that individual.

**Question 3:**

How much is allocated in your yearly budget to be spent on art, (not including Creative NZ funding) broken down by:

- Upkeep or acquisitions of new artwork.
- The last time this amount was reviewed.

**Response:**

Noting that we don't yet understand the scope of your definition of 'artworks', there is a budget of \$10,000 per year allocated to maintenance and renewal of public artistic structures such as statues.

This amount was last reviewed as part of the 2025/2026 Annual Plan consultation process, with the adopted Annual Plan being effective from 1 July 2025.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at [Official Information: Rangitikei District Council](#) with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email [lgoima@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:lgoima@rangitikei.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,

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**Rangitikei District Council**